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an outer rupturable coating surrounding the core comprising a rate release modifying
Cont -membrane and a water-soluble modifier.

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16. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 15 having an active ingredient dissolution lag time, and having an n value of 0.7 or more from time of 10% active ingredient released until time of 75% active ingredient released.

17. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 16 having an n value of 0.85 or more from time of 10% active ingredient released until time of 85% active ingredient released.

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24. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 4 where the belly band is equal to or larger than a vertical height of the tablet as measured at a center portion of the tablet.

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30. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 3 where dissolution of active ingredient from the over coating and dissolution of active ingredient from a coated hydrophilic gum matrix core tablet is approximately zero order in that a calculated n value for average dissolution is greater than 0.70 from time of 10% active ingredient released until time of 75% active ingredient released.

31. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 3 where dissolution of active ingredient from a coated hydrophilic gum matrix core tablet is approximately zero order, independent of active ingredient release from the over coating, in that a calculated n value for average dissolution from the coated core is greater than 0.70 from time of 10% active ingredient released until time of 75% active ingredient released.

32. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 3 where dissolution of the active ingredient from the over coating plus dissolution of active ingredient from a coated hydrophilic gum matrix core tablet is approximately zero order in that a calculated n value for average

dissolution result is greater than 0.85 from time of 5% active ingredient released until time of 85% active ingredient released.

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33. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 3 where dissolution of the active ingredient from a coated core tablet is approximately zero order, independent of active ingredient release from the overcoating, in that a calculated n value for average dissolution result from the coated core is greater than 0.85 from time of 5% active ingredient released until time of 85% active ingredient released.

34. (Amended) The tablet according to claim 3 wherein there is a burst dissolution of active ingredient(s) from the over coating, and then a calculated n value for average dissolution results for at least one active ingredient released from a coated core tablet after a lag time is greater than at least 0.70 from time of 10% release of the active ingredient in the core tablet is released until time of 75% of the active ingredient in the core tablet is released.

Applicant has requested that claims 35-57, 60-72, 74-78 and 81, which have been withdrawn by the Examiner from further consideration, be cancelled from the present application without prejudice.

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83. (Amended) A tablet, comprising:
a core having (a) at least one active ingredient, and (b) a mixture of expandable materials, or greater than 25% by weight of an expandable material based upon total core weight, the expandable material or materials expanding upon exposure to an aqueous environment; and an outer rupturable coating surrounding the core comprising a rate release modifying membrane and a film modifier.

Please add the following new claims:

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--88 (New) A tablet, comprising:

a core having (a) at least one active ingredient, and (b) a mixture of expandable materials, or greater than 25% by weight of an expandable material based upon total core weight, the expandable material or materials expanding upon exposure to an aqueous environment; an outer rupturable coating; and an over coating comprising at least one active ingredient.

89. (New) A tablet, comprising:

a core having (a) at least one active ingredient, and (b) a mixture of expandable materials, or greater than 25% by weight of an expandable material based upon total core weight, the expandable material or materials expanding upon exposure to an aqueous environment; a belly band; and an outer rupturable coating.

90. (New) A tablet, comprising a core having (a) at least one active ingredient, and (b) a mixture of expandable materials, or greater than 25% by weight of an expandable material based upon total core weight, the expandable material or materials expanding upon exposure to an aqueous environment, where dissolution of the active ingredient is approximately zero order following an active ingredient dissolution lag time of from about 0.5 hour to about 6 hours.--